

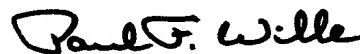
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1–5 were rejected as anticipated by McCalmont. Claims 1–5 recite "delaying the portion of the audio signal in at least one band by less than fifty milliseconds to produce a shadow signal." The McCalmont patent discloses "For normal speech, these time constants are typically in the range of about 50 to 150 milliseconds and the delay is accordingly selected to be within this range." There is no anticipation.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1–5 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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